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## This Week in the Law School

Three of our fantastic students have been featured in recent university-wide publications for their contributions to the community. **Shannon Phillips**, '16, is helping fellow veterans over at our newly established [Veterans Disability Law Clinic](#). Other students, like **Marcus Phelps** and **Von Lovan**, '17, are wearing [bow ties on Tuesdays](#) and setting the trend for their fellow students to do so, in the name of camaraderie (and style).

With exams fast approaching, *ILA* thinks necks aren't the only places you'll find knots in the coming weeks. If you've got butterflies (or Windsors) in your stomach, a meditation expert will be here Wednesday to lead you through a few relaxation exercises. To further help you prepare, we'll host a session Tuesday on how to successfully take a law school exam. (Spoiler alert: Read the questions, then write the correct answers.)

The finals of the Sherman Minton Moot Court Competition take place Friday, and while we won't know who the finalists are until Wednesday — our money is on a few of the semifinalists — *ILA* can exclusively reveal who your judges will be for the final round. This stellar lineup of judges will also take time on Friday afternoon to talk to students. See Friday's announcements for this breaking news.

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## Monday, November 9

Prof. Brad Sherman, a prominent IP academic from The University of Queensland (Australia), will be visiting campus. Sherman's expertise encompasses many aspects of intellectual property law, with a particular emphasis on its historical, doctrinal and conceptual development. He is currently working on a historical project looking at the protection of computer-based inventions and a project looking at the role of intellectual property in relation to food security. Room 335, noon.

## **CSO/SBA Committee Meeting**

Room 213, noon.

## **Advocates for Life Finals Advice and Outline Bank**

1L members are invited to come access our outline bank and receive advice on final exams. Room 120, 7 to 9 p.m.

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## **Tuesday, November 10**

### **Faculty Speaker Series with Professor Buxbaum**

Want to get to know your professors outside of the classroom? Want to learn what they do when they're not teaching? Come join SBA as Prof. **Hannah Buxbaum** talks about her new role with the university, what it's like to be married to a brewer, and balancing life as a professor and an administrator. Don't miss this opportunity to get to know one of Indiana Law's most dynamic professors. Light snacks will be provided. Room 124, noon.

### **How to Take a Law School Exam**

Please join us for the annual "How to Take a Law School Exam" event. A group of professors, including Prof. **Don Gjerdingen**, will offer tips for preparing and taking exams, as well as an explanation on outlining your notes. Don't miss this opportunity to get an understanding of what to expect on your first law school exam. Food will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Room 122, noon.

### **LLM Bar Exam Presentation: Substance and Strategy**

Graduate students who are planning to take the New York bar exam should plan to attend this presentation by LLM Bar Exam. Learn more about this course, which was the original bar prep designed specifically to meet the needs of LLM students preparing to take the bar. Food and drinks will be provided. Gifts will be presented to all attendees, including one free enrollment with LLM Bar Exam that will be raffled. Please RSVP ([events@llmbarexam.com](mailto:events@llmbarexam.com)) with "Maurer Law" in the subject line. Room 214, noon.

### **VITA Call-out Meeting**

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program helps low-income and non-resident student taxpayers complete their annual income tax returns. These individuals often struggle with the complexities of the Internal Revenue Code, which is where we come in. So if you're interested in tax, won't you deduct your time with us? Room 125, noon.

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## **Wednesday, November 11**

### **IU Health and Wellness Talk: Mindfulness**

As part of the Indiana Law Wellness Program, we will host a mindfulness meditation presentation. We will use breathing, muscle relaxation, a little self-massage, and mindful focus to lighten your day. Bringing your attention to present time and inner/outer sensory experience helps rally one's resources, which aids awareness and clarity for the topic at hand. Cynthia Bretheim has an MS in applied health science from IU, and was a four-year resident/staff at the Himalayan International Institute of Yoga Science and Philosophy. Room 122, noon.

### **Women's Law Caucus Auction Canvassing**

In February, WLC will host its annual auction to benefit Middle Way House and POP. Middle Way House is a Bloomington program that provides services to victims of domestic violence. It's a really wonderful cause, and a really fun event for the Law School. But in order to get started we need volunteers to canvas local businesses to ask for donations. Volunteers will also receive a POP credit. If you plan to volunteer, email [wlc@indiana.edu](mailto:wlc@indiana.edu). Lobby, 5:30 p.m.

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## **Thursday, November 12**

### **Advocates for Life Discussion Night: Stem Cell Research and Alternatives**

Come learn more about stem cell research, its legal and ethical implications, and its alternatives. Room 120, 7 to 10 p.m.

### **Information Session: Credit-Transfer Option (LLM to JD)**

Graduate students who are interested in transferring from the LLM to the JD should plan to attend this session. Meet with Prof. **Lisa Farnsworth**, Ms. **Allison Foust**, and a member of the JD admissions office to learn more about how this process works. Please RSVP in Indiana Law CareerNet. Room 213, noon.

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## **Friday, November 13**

### **Graduate Legal Studies Presentation: Exam Procedures & Policies for Law Graduate and Exchange Students**

Attendance at this session is mandatory for all graduate and exchange students who will be taking a final exam this semester. Dean **Lesley Davis** and Ms. **Lara Gose** from the Office of Graduate Legal Studies will explain law school exam policies and procedures for graduate and exchange students, including where to find the graduate and exchange student exam schedule, how to obtain your

exam number, how to request an exam schedule change, and what to bring (or what not to bring) to the exam room. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP in Indiana Law CareerNet. Room 121, noon.

### **1L Academic Enhancement Session**

The semester is quickly wrapping up, and finals will be here soon. Come learn about law school exams from the Student Affairs fellows in our final 1L academic enhancement session for the fall semester. Room 122, 1 p.m.

### **Q+A with Sherman Minton Moot Court Finals Judges**

Judges presiding over the Sherman Minton Moot Court Competition Final Round will meet with students earlier that afternoon for a Q+A session. Topics of discussion will include the judges' expectations of judicial law clerks, attorneys who appear before them, and, they will also take questions about their work in general. Judge James Bredar (U.S. Court for the District of Maryland), Judge Sara Ellis (U.S. Court for the Northern District of Illinois), Judge Nina Pillard (U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia), and Justice Rucker (Indiana Supreme Court), will be the judges in attendance. **Bryan H. Babb**, '99, (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP, Partner Litigation Group) a former judicial law clerk to Indiana Supreme Court Justice **Frank Sullivan** (also an IU alumnus) will join not only on the bench in the evening, but also this Q&A. Prof. **Inge Van der Cruysse**, director of externships and clerkship placements, will facilitate. Please RSVP via Indiana Law CareerNet. Room 124, 3:25 to 4:35 p.m.

### **Sherman Minton Moot Court Competition Finals**

After months of exciting competition among more than 135 competitors, the Finals of the 2015 Sherman Minton Moot Court Competition will be held Friday, November 13, at 5:00 p.m. in the Moot Court Room. This year's case raises questions regarding (1) how to apply traditional Fourth Amendment search doctrines to the new digital world of "cloud" computing and online data storage, and (2) how much leeway courts have in interpreting the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, and in particular whether a defendant may be punished for "distributing" illicit images when he wasn't aware that his file-sharing program was making those images publicly available. Oral arguments will take place as if it were a full argument before the Supreme Court of the United States. These prominent jurists and legal professionals will judge the Finals:

- Hon. Nina Pillard, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit
- Hon. Robert Rucker, Indiana Supreme Court
- Hon. James Bredar, U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland
- Hon. Sara Ellis, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- Mr. Bryan Babb '00, Bose McKinney & Evans LLP

The Moot Court Room doors open at 4:30 p.m. and the program begins at 5 p.m. Overflow seating with a live stream will be broadcast in Room 121. A reception for the entire Law School community will follow the program at about 7 p.m. in the first-floor lobby. Please join us to cheer on this year's four finalists and all the students who have competed this year.

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## **Faculty News**

Prof. **Steve Sanders** presented his research project "Lost Opportunities in the Marriage Equality Litigation" on Nov. 7 at the Loyola University Law School Constitutional Law Colloquium in Chicago. On Nov. 5, he gave a lecture at Notre Dame Law School titled "Religious Liberty and LGBT Rights: The Elusive Search for Balance."

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## **Announcements**

### **Virginia Tech Survivor to Attend Documentary Screening, Presentation**

On Sunday, Nov. 15, at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater, the IU Civic Leaders Center, together with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and Everytown for Gun Safety, are presenting a screening of "Living for 32," a powerful portrait of the Virginia Tech shooting that killed 32 people, and of survivor and gun violence prevention activist Colin Goddard's quest to prevent tragedies like this from happening again. With special guests Colin Goddard, Virginia Tech survivor and Senior Policy Advocate at Everytown, and Paul Helmke, director of IU Bloomington's Civic Leaders Living-Learning Centre and former president of the Brady Campaign.

### **SBA Thanksgiving Dinner Fundraiser**

The season of giving is upon us, and SBA is putting on its annual Talk Turkey to Me fundraiser. For each dollar donated, the student, faculty, or staff member will be given a "turkey" to decorate. All of the funds raised go to help low-income families put Thanksgiving dinner on the table. This year the donations will be going to families with children who attend Fairview Elementary School. Please stop by the SBA table before November 19 to donate. We will be tabling each lunch hour in the main lobby. If you have any questions please contact Drew Ambrose ([dcambrose@gmail.com](mailto:dcambrose@gmail.com)).

### **Food Drive for Hoosier Hills Food Bank**

The Office of Student Affairs will be sponsoring a food drive at the Law School beginning November 16 and concluding November 20. All food collected will be donated to the Hoosier Hills Food Bank, which collects, stores, and distributes food to nonprofit agencies that feed the hungry in Monroe and surrounding counties. Bins will be placed in the Office of Student Affairs on the ground floor; outside the Jerome Hall Law Library entrance on the first floor; and in the staff lounge on the second floor. Please donate non-perishable food items as generously as possible. The Food Bank has a particular need for protein items such as peanut butter, canned tuna and chicken, canned soup, and canned or bagged beans. For more information about the food drive contact OSA ([lawosa@indiana.edu](mailto:lawosa@indiana.edu)).

### **Lecture on Societal Trust in Military**

The Indiana Law community is invited to attend a public lecture titled "Societal Trust in the Military: What Would You Tell the Military's Most Senior Officer?" on Wednesday, November 11th, 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Indiana Memorial Union's Frangipani Room. The speaker is Dr. Leonard Wong, Research Professor at the U.S. Army War College, co-author of a recent report titled "[Lying to Ourselves: Dishonesty in the Army Profession](#)." The event is organized by Prof. **David Delaney** and the National Security Ethics Faculty Working Group he formed this year.

### **Transactional Drafting Competition Sign-ups Begin Today**

The Business & Law Society is officially starting the sign-up process for next semester's internal Transactional Drafting Competition. Sign-ups begin today and last until November 18. To sign up, please send an email to James Abney ([jhabney@indiana.edu](mailto:jhabney@indiana.edu)) with your name, class, and preferred email address. Please put "Transactional Drafting Competition Sign-Up" in the subject line. Do not include your intended partner(s). We will allow for partner selection once we know how many students plan to participate. The competition is open to 2Ls and 3Ls only.

### **Infrastructure Development in India: Challenges & Opportunities for Good Governance, Political Stability and the Rule of Law**

The Center on the Global Legal Profession is pleased to present Deepender Hooda, the youngest member to ever serve in the Indiana parliament, and who is currently serving his second term as a member of the Congress Party from Rohtak, Haryana. During his tenure in parliament, Mr. Hooda has worked on prominent committees such as finance and external affairs. He is widely regarded as an advocate for rural development, 21st-century workforce development, the Indian economy, and education. Mr. Hooda will be serving as Poling Chair at the Kelley School of Business over the course of the next year. Seats are limited. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP via Indiana Law CareerNet. Room 335, noon.

### **Planning an Event: Interim Contact Information**

If you'd like to plan a meeting or would like information about an existing meeting or event in light of Bridget Anderson's departure, please contact Mary Edwards ([maredwar@indiana.edu](mailto:maredwar@indiana.edu)), or 855-5116. A search is under way for Bridget's successor, and Mary and her team are well-equipped to handle your requests in the interim.

### **How to Schedule an Event**

An [online form](#) is available to plan and schedule meetings. Please use this form to request a room, notify *Indiana Law Annotated*, and send other information about your event. You will receive confirmation that your room has been reserved after your request has been processed. When filling out your event description, please provide all information possible, especially if you are requesting that the event be publicized.

### **ILA Submissions**

*Indiana Law Annotated* is published every Monday while school is in session with news about the coming week. Submit information and articles for *ILA* to [ila@indiana.edu](mailto:ila@indiana.edu) by Thursday at noon for inclusion in Monday's edition. Length of submission is limited to 150 words, unless otherwise approved. Entries may be edited to ensure consistent presentation. If you're requesting a room, submit all information (including the room request) via the [Plan a Meeting](#) feature of the website. If you have questions about an item appearing in the *ILA*, please contact James Boyd ([jboyd@indiana.edu](mailto:jboyd@indiana.edu); phone 855-0156). *Indiana Law Annotated* is archived [online](#).

### **Audio-Video Services**

Send requests for AV services to Carl James ([lawav@indiana.edu](mailto:lawav@indiana.edu)). Please include the name of your group and the e-mail address of the contact person, a description of what you want to do, and the date, location, starting time, and duration of the event. Requests must be made at least 48 hours in advance and will be confirmed by e-mail.

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